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SECTOR GROUP ON UNINTENDED OCCURRENCE OF CHEMICALS IN
THE ENVIRONMENT, APRIL 17-19, 1974.

REF:NR/ENV/74.13. DRAFT AGENDA

1. SUMMARY. MEETING FOCUSED ON ACTION PROGRAM FOR CON-
TROL OF NON-REGULATED CHEMICALS. SECTOR GROUP OUTLINED
PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SURVEY, AND PREPARED DRAFT
COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO MEMBER-COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS
FOR PARALLEL ACTION THIS FIELD. LONNGREN (SWEDEN)
ELECTED CHAIRMAN. DELAMAIN (FRANCE), MILLER (US)
VICE-CHAIRMEN. END SUMMARY.

2. CHEM SECTOR GROUP DEVOTED VIRTUALLY ALL DISCUSSION
TO CONSIDERATION SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT NR/ENV/74.10
AND ACTION PROGRAM DERIVED THEREFROM. MAIN OBJECTIVE
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IDENTIFIED AS IMPROVED ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL ENVI-

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS.

3. AS FIRST STEP TOWARDS OBJECTIVE, SECTOR GROUP DECIDED TO CARRY OUT INTERNATIONAL SURVEY UNDER GUIDANCE OF STEERING GROUP (CANADA, GERMANY, JAPAN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UK, US). SURVEY WILL FIRST AIM AT OBTAINING BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM MEMBER-COUNTRIES ON THE NATIONAL SITUATION IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) PRACTICE FOR INITIAL SUBMISSION OF DATA BY MANUFACTURERS, (B) METHODS FOR PREDICTION OF EXPOSURE LEVELS, (C) ASSESSMENT OF TOXICITY TO HUMANS, (D) ASSESSMENT OF TOXICITY TO OTHER ORGANISMS, AND EFFECTS ON ECO-SYSTEMS, (E) CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

4. MEMBER-COUNTRIES WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE LEAD IN ONE OR MORE OF ABOVE AREAS AND TO SUPPLY INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF OTHER LEAD COUNTRIES. FOR EACH OF FIVE AREAS, (A) - (E), PRELIMINARY PHASE OF WORK WILL: ESTABLISH MAIN QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED; LIST TECHNICAL METHODS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS; ESTIMATE COSTS OF TECHNICAL METHODS LISTED. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF PRELIMINARY PHASE. OFFICIAL OECD INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS EXPECTED SOONEST, WITH REQUEST FOR REPLIES BY FIRST WEEK MAY.

5. ADDITIONALLY, SECTOR GROUP DRAFTED COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO MEMBER-COUNTRIES FOR PARALLEL ACTION THIS FIELD, AS PREPARATION FOR SUBSEQUENT PHASES OF SCREENING PROGRAM, AIMING AT THE INCEPTION AND INTERNATIONAL HARMONIZATION OF ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES. TEXTS OF PROGRAM AND OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AIRPOUCHED DEPARTMENT (RPE, SCI), EPA, CEQ, TODAY.

6. SECRETARIAT STATES THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DELS, PRESENT THINKING FOR LEAD COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT WORK IN AREAS (A) - (E) IS: (A) STEERING GROUP AS WHOLE TOGETHER WITH MANUFACTURERS, (B) SWEDEN, (C) US (D) NETHERLANDS, (E) CANADA. MISSION FEELS THAT IS IN US INTEREST TO LEAD WORK IN AREA (C), ASSESSMENT OF TOXICITY

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TO HUMANS, AND TO MAKE STRONG CONTRIBUTION IN OTHER AREAS.
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